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Requirements on Ministry of Small Industries and Crafts (ORR 11961,
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1. Describe the specific duties, responsibilities, and usual activities of the Ministry of Small Industry and Crafts in regard to the following economic activities: (a) the production of consumer goods by local government factories, by handicraft or artisan cooperatives, by private artisans or industries, and by cottage industry; (b) the pricing of consumer goods at the production level and also the setting of turnover tax rates; (c) the collection of manufactured consumer goods for distribution through the wholesale and retail trade network; (d) any sales activities which are carried on under this Ministry's supervision through which goods are sold directly to the public for private consumption.

2. (a) List in detail the specific important types of consumer goods which are being produced to a considerable extent by small industries and crafts in Poland. (b) List the percentage of total Polish production of each of the important commodities which is supplied by small industries and crafts at the present time. (c) Have the various percentages listed been increasing or decreasing in recent years?

3. Discuss the problems facing the Ministry of Small Industries and Crafts. What will be the future role of the Ministry in alleviating Poland's consumer goods shortage?

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